

House Bill 334 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Mumford of the 95<sup>th</sup>, Ralston of the 7<sup>th</sup>, and Mangham of the 94<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 15-11-18 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to creation of juvenile courts, terms and compensation of judges, state grants for judicial salaries, qualifications, presiding judge, practice of law, and actions by judges including administration and expenditures, so as to provide for judicial salary supplements under certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to provide for an automatic repealer; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Code Section 15-11-18 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to creation of juvenile courts, terms and compensation of judges, state grants for judicial salaries, qualifications, presiding judge, practice of law, and actions by judges including administration and expenditures, is amended by striking paragraph (2) of subsection (d) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"(2) The state, out of funds appropriated to the judicial branch of government, shall contribute toward the salary of the judges on a per circuit basis in the following amounts:

(A) Each circuit with one or more juvenile court judges who are not superior court judges assuming the duties of juvenile court judges shall receive a state grant of \$85,000.00. ~~Such state funds shall be spent solely on salaries for juvenile court judges and shall not be used for any other purposes.~~

(B) In addition to the base amount set out in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, each circuit which on or after October 1, 2000, has more than four superior court judges is eligible for additional state grants. For each superior court judge who exceeds the base of four judges, the circuit shall be eligible for an additional grant in an amount equal to one-fourth of the base amount of the state grant set out in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph. ~~Such additional state grants shall be spent solely on salaries for juvenile court judges and shall not be used for any other purposes.~~

(C) In those circuits where the judge or judges of the superior court elect to use the state grant provided in this ~~Code section~~ paragraph for one or more part-time judges, the amount of the state grant shall be as follows:

- (i) For each part-time judge who works one day weekly . . . . . \$ 17,000.00
- (ii) For each part-time judge who works two days weekly . . . . . 34,000.00
- (iii) For each part-time judge who works three days weekly . . . . . 51,000.00
- (iv) For each part-time judge who works four days weekly . . . . . 68,000.00;

provided, however, that a grant for one or more part-time judges shall not exceed the amount the circuit is eligible for in accordance with subparagraphs (A) and (B) of this paragraph.

(D)(i) The grants contributed by the state in accordance with subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C) of this paragraph are intended to be minimum salaries for juvenile court judges, and are subject to being supplemented with county funds. In those circuits where the county or counties choose to contribute additional funds toward the salary of a judge that, in the aggregate, amount to at least 2 percent of the amount contributed by the state in accordance with subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C) of this paragraph, the state, in addition to the grant contributed in accordance with subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C) of this paragraph, shall also contribute a supplemental grant in an amount equal to 2 percent of the amount contributed by the state in accordance with subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C) of this paragraph.

(ii) The provisions of this subparagraph shall become effective on January 1, 2006, and shall be repealed by operation of law effective at 11:59 P.M. on December 31, 2006.

(E)(i) The grants contributed by the state in accordance with subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C) of this paragraph are intended to be minimum salaries for juvenile court judges, and are subject to being supplemented with county funds. In those circuits where the county or counties choose to contribute additional funds toward the salary of a judge that, in the aggregate, amount to at least 2 percent of the amount contributed by the state in accordance with subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C) of this paragraph, the state, in addition to the grant contributed in accordance with subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C) of this paragraph, shall also contribute a supplemental grant in an amount equal to 2 percent of the amount contributed by the state in accordance with subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C) of this paragraph; provided, however, that such grants shall be cumulative of any amounts granted prior to December 31, 2006.

(F) All state grants provided by this paragraph shall be spent solely on salaries for juvenile court judges and shall not be used for any other purposes."

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.